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ALL ASKED TO HELP IN WAR SAVINGS DRIVE

COUNTY QUOTA LARGE

June 28 is Set as Day for Raising Amount Proportioned County.

If Columbia county is to keep up its record of "going over the top" in all patriotic work, every man, woman and child in the county must be up and coming on June 28 in order to raise the amount apportioned to the county, the balance of which is about \$200,000. J. W. Allen, War Savings chairman for the county, has issued the following appeal to the citizens of the county:

To the People of Columbia County: Whereas a National War Savings Campaign has been planned under the auspices of the general government of the United States for the month of June, that the people of the United States shall be called upon to loan to the national government for war purposes the stupendous sum of two billion dollars through this campaign, every newspaper in the United States will be called upon to do its patriotic duty and assist in promoting the same.

This is undoubtedly the greatest financial drive ever enacted on the face of the earth to date. Referring to it, President Wilson has said, "The supreme test of the nation has come. We must all speak, act and unite together."

June 28, 1918, has been appointed National War Savings Day. During this day a meeting is to be called in every schoolhouse in the United States for the purpose of organizing a War Savings Society and securing personal subscriptions to allotted quotas, which shall put each district, each county, and each state "over the top" with its share. Previous to these meetings each district shall have been canvassed and each adult presented with a card on which he will be urged to subscribe his monthly allotments to this War Savings campaign for the ensuing months of this year. No money will be required at these meetings, but rather subscriptions pledging money.

War Savings Stamps are the best security offered by the government since they can be cashed on ten days notice, which is a feature not a part of any other governmental security. Limit clubs for those who subscribe to the limit will also be organized throughout the land.

Columbia county will be called upon to subscribe approximately \$250,000 during this campaign, which sum shall have been paid up by January 1, 1919. The call is to everybody to do doubly their bit that the fair and patriotic name of Columbia county shall shine with a new lustre.

J. W. ALLEN,
War Savings Chairman for Columbia County.
Arrangements are being made to place the stamps in many of the mercantile houses, and the proprietors of such places will be asked to aid as much as possible in the campaign. A more extended account of the committees, etc., will appear in the next issue of the Mist.

ST. HELENS WINS IN TENNIS MATCHES

Sunday morning the Vernon Club tennis team from Portland came to St. Helens to try conclusions with some of the local players. Miss Adelle Adams and Miss Mildred Allen won their match from the opposing team, and L. R. Rutherford and Harley Turner won all of their matches against the men's team. Glen Metts and John Southard were also victors in their match. The only match won by the Vernon players was from Rutherford and Miss Allen. A return match is being arranged.

Under a new agreement the army will handle all mail for the expeditionary forces after it leaves United States ports. The postoffice department will deliver the mail to military authorities at the port of embarkation in this country and receive it from them at a port in France for dispatch to the United States. The domestic money order service to the troops will, for the present at least, continue under the direction of the postoffice department in France.

WILL CELEBRATE ON JULY FOURTH

Home Guards Have Matter in Hand and Committees Are Appointed.

There will be a patriotic celebration of the Fourth of July in St. Helens, and the celebration will be in keeping with the spirit of the times. The Home Guard will have the matter in charge, though the assistance of others is requested.

At a special meeting held at the court house Thursday morning the following committees were appointed:

Executive—H. S. Mason, D. C. Howard, A. S. Hisey, Dick Lidyard, Carl Christensen and Aug. Johansen.
Program—A. S. Hisey, chairman.
Music—Fred Watkins, chairman.
Sports—C. D. Sutherland, chairman.
Finance—J. H. Thatcher, chairman.

C. L. Wheeler has been chosen to be marshal of the day. It is yet too early to give the program, but one may rest assured that St. Helens will celebrate the Fourth in a fitting manner.

GREAT SENDOFF GIVEN DRAFTED MEN

Citizens Show Respect to Men Who Go to Fight for Democracy.

Thirty-one of Columbia county's young men left Friday afternoon for Fort McDowell, Cal., to be inducted into the army service. They were a contingent of the men called in the selective draft.

The men, except those who lived in St. Helens, arrived here Thursday night and Friday morning, and reported at the office of the local board in the courthouse. At noon they were guests of the commercial club at a dinner given at one of the local hotels. A prominent city official was toastmaster and called on the boys for short talks. Each one said he was ready to go and to do his utmost to preserve the world from the rule of the Hun. Short speeches were also made by officers of the commercial club and several prominent citizens. A well known professional man made a happy speech praising the boys for their determination to do their part in winning the war, and telling them that the patriotic citizens of the county would stand squarely behind them here at home while they were in the front line trenches. His speech aroused much enthusiasm and it was plain to be seen that the departing soldier boys were much cheered by his words of advice and friendly expressions.

After the dinner all went to the courthouse, where a number of automobiles furnished by thoughtful citizens were in readiness to take the boys to the depot. A parade was formed, headed by members of the St. Helens band. Next followed veterans of "61" in automobiles which were decorated with flags and bunting. The Home Guard, Honor Guard and Boy Scouts were in the parade, as were other organizations. As the parade passed the schoolhouse, school was dismissed and the children formed in front of the schoolhouse and waved flags at the departing men.

A large crowd gathered at the depot to see the boys off, and as the train pulled out three cheers were given and the band struck up a patriotic air.

No, gentle reader, this didn't happen in St. Helens, but it did happen in every other Oregon town from which the drafted men were sent. In St. Helens it was entirely different. The men arrived and reported at the courthouse. They were told to be on hand at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and allowed shift about town until the big bus came and took them to the depot. A few friends of some of the boys who live in St. Helens or nearby towns were at the depot to say farewell, but the majority of men and women of St. Helens were too busy with their own affairs to take notice of the 31 men called to fight for the protection of this country and going away to blood soaked France, perhaps never to return.

In this particular instance St. Helens has made a record entirely different from any other county seat town in Oregon, but it is not a record of which one might feel proud.



OFFICERS OF ST. HELENS HOME GUARD

H. S. Mason, captain; D. C. Howard, first lieutenant; L. L. Baker, second lieutenant. The St. Helens Home Guard elected officers Monday night to serve during the coming year. H. S. Mason and D. C. Howard were the nominees for captain and Mason won out by a majority of seven votes. D. C. Howard was unanimously elected first lieutenant. For second lieutenant there were several nominations—L. L. Baker, A. S. Hisey, C. O. Hyde and H. Scott. After several ballots Baker received the majority of votes and was declared duly elected. The guard now has about 60 members, and a majority of them turn out on drill nights and receive instructions in military practice.

COMMENCEMENT PRO- GRAM AT CITY HALL

WILL BE 12 GRADUATE

Successful School Near Ends With Tonight's Exercises.

The annual commencement exercises of the St. Helens High School will be held in the city hall tonight, and twelve graduates will receive diplomas. The members of the graduating class are Marian Adress, Marion Baker, Evelyn Boals, Ella Hattan, Laurie Lind, Florence Larsen, Edward Malm, Madge Morrell, Arline Paulsen, William Perry, Maude Richardson and Agda Sten.

The program will begin at 8 o'clock, and will be as follows:
America—By the Audience.
Invocation—Rev. A. S. Hisey.
Commencement Song—By the High School.
Piano Solo—Prof. Enns.
Valedictory Address—Marion Baker.
Vocal Solo—Anna Hanson.
Commencement Address—Prof. Crockett of U. of O.
Presentation of Diplomas—C. C. Casant.

OFFICERS ELECTED IN PYTHIAN LODGE

Marked Growth and Interest is Evidenced in Avon Lodge No. 62.

The semi-annual election of officers of Avon Lodge No. 62, Knights of Pythias, was held at the lodge hall Tuesday night and the following were elected officers to serve during the ensuing term:

C. C.—Robert Dixon.
V. C.—E. A. Ross.
Prelate—Orin Shepard.
M. of W.—E. Blakesley.
M. of A.—Thos. H. Roy.
I. G.—Jack Garrison.
O. H.—James Kemp.
Representative to Grand Lodge—C. D. Sutherland.

The lodge is in the most flourishing condition it has experienced since given its charter. During the past few months seventeen new members have been taken in and there are several more on the waiting list.

The lodge will be represented in the Home Guard and will have two full squads representing the lodge, in addition to many others who are now members of the guard.

Installation of the newly elected officers will occur at a later date, and on this occasion the lodge is preparing to have a grand celebration.

WEATHER FORECASTS FOR AERIAL MAIL

Special daily forecasts of weather conditions between New York and Washington are being furnished to the postoffice department by the weather bureau for use in connection with the airplane-mail service between these points. The forecasts are telephoned each morning as soon as they are made up.

NO WHEAT FLOUR WILL BE SOLD HERE

SHIP STOCKS ON HAND

Merchants Cheerfully Sign Agreement in Nation's Welfare.

Until August, those who wish wheat flour will have to look elsewhere than in St. Helens or other towns in Columbia county to obtain such flour, as the merchants of St. Helens and the other principal towns of the county have promised County Food Administrator Miles that they will sell no wheat flour. Moreover, many merchants will ship to the government the flour they have on hand. So if anyone wishes flour, they will have to obtain it elsewhere, and in such instance get a permit from someone in authority before the shipment can be made. It is expected by the merchants that their customers will see the necessity of the action they have taken, which is in the interest of the nation, and co-operate with them in the matter.

Mr. Miles is highly pleased at the prompt response made by the merchants, and states it speaks well for their patriotism.

OLD SOL SHADOWED TOMORROW AT 4 P. M.

St. Helens is in Totality District—Many Visitors Expected.

St. Helens people are much interested in the total eclipse of the sun which will occur tomorrow between 3:55 and 4 o'clock. While not in the center of the totality district, the city is within the district and a good view of the phenomena can be secured, weather conditions permitting. The center of totality will show some very remarkable and strange lights and the event, which is very rare, will be interesting to laymen as well as scientists.

The moon's shadow will strike the earth in the Pacific ocean almost south of Japan, and sweeping across the Pacific the shadow will strike the United States on the coast of southwestern Washington at 3:55, new time. At that time it will be almost as dark as at night; the stars will shine and the beautiful corona will be seen if the weather is clear.

At the time of the eclipse the planet Jupiter will be near the sun and no doubt, can be seen. It will be located on the east side of the sun and almost in the same declination. Mercury will be to the west and south of the sun, and the bright star which will be directly north of Jupiter is Beta Tauri. Alpha Tauri will be south and west of the sun and between it and Mercury.

Turned Around

"The judge gimme fourteen years." "I think I can get that sentence reversed." "Where would be the sense of that? Reverse fourteen and you've got forty-one."—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegram.

ST. HELENS SOLDIER TELLS OF HIS DOINGS

Sergeant Ben Copeland Says France is All Right.

Evidently Sergeant Ben Copeland has a mighty good opinion of France and resents any criticism of that country or its people, as the following letter indicates:

"France, April 25, 1918.

"S. C. Morton, Editor St. Helens Mist.

"Dear Editor: I have just finished reading a letter published in the Mist from some recruit that had just landed in our beloved France, and I feel it my duty to make a few explanations and corrections so that your readers will not get the wrong impression of this beautiful country.

"Said recruit stated that he was brought to his present location in dirty little railroad cars and that 'the railroads were a disgrace to a civilized nation.' Now I don't think that sounds very well even if it were true, which it isn't. There are a few low joints in the rails on some of the tracks. I am told they were kept in excellent condition in peace times. They have some fine, big and speedy locomotives which said recruit forgot to mention. That 'shrieking little whistle' he spoke of can be heard for a great distance, and the subway system (which he omitted to mention) is a world beater. I wonder if this recruit thought France transported troops in limousines. The combined horse, cow barn, chicken coop, stable, etc., cars are works of art. The walls are about 1 1/2 feet thick and are small and sound proof.

"Some people say the water the French people drink is impure, but it isn't, for they all drink wine.

"Here is another remark that I will dispute. 'The people are rapidly learning to be patriotic.' Can you imagine that remark getting by at this stage of the game? Say, I will do battle with anyone under 7 feet that makes that remark to me.

"As to soldiers being overcharged. Of course prices vary as to the localities and according to the demand for the article. When I landed here Eastman kodaks and films could be bought at a very low price, but the demand has been so great that they are now almost unobtainable at any price. Probably this fellow got peeved at all the French people because some old lady or wounded poulu saw an opportunity to get an extra sou so that the dear one soon returning from the trenches, and perhaps wounded, could have an extra slice of 'du pain' or an egg. It is usually a fellow of that type that gives a 10 or 15 franc tip to the painted maiden of the Rue de la Petite Maison for a little fancy dancing.

"The more I see of this country and its people, the more I like them both.

"Last Sunday a friend and I went for a walk. We met a farmer returning from town in his high two-wheeled cart. He asked us to ride, and we piled on, making a load of five. After properly balancing the cart we continued on our way until we arrived at the farm, where we were entertained by mama, papa, granpa, daughter and an actress and her son from the sector at the front. The actress gave us an interesting account of her near capture, and she finished with a scene from 'La Folle Nuit,' which she and her five year old son used to play. We had soup, roast kid, omelet, salad, pudding, figs and apples. I am going to visit that farmer again—no, not for the next part of 'Folle Nuit,' but another good dinner.

"Tell my St. Helens friends that I haven't cuffed a Lizzie since landing, but I have done a lot of taxiing just the same.

"Duke Wellington says he would like to hear from his friend Rees Hall and also from a fellow he calls 'Os.' BEN COPELAND.

LUMBER COMPANY ELECTS OFFICERS

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the St. Helens Lumber Company was held at the office of the company in this city Wednesday. All of the old officers were reelected as follows: Charles R. McCormick, president; R. C. Merryman, vice president; S. M. Hauptman, secretary-treasurer. No business of interest to the public was transacted.

CLOSE GAME WON BY M'CORMICK TEAM

IS PITCHERS' BATTLE

Home Team Defeats Cornfoot by Score of 3 to 1.

The McCormick team of the Shipbuilders' League handed the Cornfoot team a nice little package labeled defeat at the game played Sunday. The score was 3 to 1 and was an interesting contest from start to finish.

Manager Mensor placed his reliance on Southpaw Davis, who held the Cornfoots scoreless until the ninth.

St. Helens chased one run across in the fourth frame. Locker singled through shortstop and Feuerborn followed with a smashing single to right, Locker reaching third. Cartwright struck out and Locker and Feuerborn pulled a double steal. Shea dropped the ball at the home plate and Locker was safe. It was lucky that St. Helens made this run, as Mino and Reed, the next batsmen up, both struck out. St. Helens added another in the sixth. After Pike fouled out and Locker went out by the French Kennedy route, Feuerborn hit a line drive to center. It should have been an easy out, but Teck misjudged the ball and it went over his head and Feuerborn crossed the rubber before the ball could reach home. To make matters a little more safe, St. Helens put one more run over in the lucky seventh. Mino walked and took second on Reed's infield hit and out at first. Otto was safe on first on French's error; Davis hit safely to short and each runner moved up a base. Mensor's long sacrifice fly scored Mino.

In the ninth inning Cornfoot saved themselves from a shutout. Kennedy, the first man up, doubled past second. Fitchner fouled to Pike and French was out at first, Locker unassisted. McKenna hit a Texas leaguer back of second. Either Reed or Cartwright should have got the ball, but neither of them made much of an effort, so Kennedy scored and McKenna drew up at second. Beebe as a pinch hitter took three healthy swings and went out by the whiff route, and the game was over.

The score:
R H E
McCormick . . . 0 0 1 0 1 1 0 *—3 8 3
Cornfoot . . . 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1—1 5 3
Struck out—By Davis, 11; by Sutherland, 8.

Notes of the Game

Close to 1,100 fans witnessed the game and one of the chief rooters for the St. Helens team was Charles R. McCormick. It was the first time he had seen his team in action.

St. Helens crept up another notch in the percentage column, but since Foundation won their game it will be impossible to finish better than second in the first half of the season.

Davis pitched a steady and heady game and was entitled to win. He bagged more safe hits than any other player on the team.

Feuerborn had a great day at third. He had seven assists. His throws to first were low, but Locker did some circus stunts and managed to get the pellet and hold it.

There is much room for improvement in the field. If St. Helens is to finish in first place or near first place in the second series, Mensor must get three fielders.

Cartwright at second hasn't shown the form expected, but perhaps he may recover his batting eye as the season progresses.

Next game with Columbia Shipbuilding Co., at 2:30 Sunday.

MUST TURN IN SURPLUS FLOUR

Acting upon instructions from the United States food administrator, Sherman Miles has notified all concerned that the new government regulation prohibits any family having more than thirty days' supply of flour in the house. Those having in excess of that amount should at once notify Mr. Miles and he will advise as to the disposition of the surplus. In the event one has more than 30 days' supply and fails to notify the proper authorities, their names will be sent in to the United States district attorney for his attention.